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Maintenance and development of historical monuments in

Uttar Pradesh

758. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India gets meagre funds from the Central Government for the maintenance and development of historical monuments in the country, most particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the funds provided to ASI during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Central Government to provide adequate funds for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Considering the enormity of the task of conservation, maintenance and development work of protected heritage sites and monuments in the country, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) requires more funds.

(b) The details of funds provided to the ASI during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise for conservation, preservation and environmental development are given in the Statement. [Refer to the Statement appended to the Answer to Unstarred Question No. 752(b)].

(c) While submitting requirements for Eleventh five year plan, need based requirement of funds for the ASI has been projected. In addition possibility of augmenting the resources of ASI through public-private participation is being explored.

Removal of tax on inter statement transaction between oil companies

759. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed for removal of tax on inter-company and inter-state transaction between oil companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how it will be helpful to oil companies in lowering down the losses?